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MEMORANDUM FOR: The President
The White House

You will recall that Congressman Osmer raised some searching questions about the performance of the intelligence community during the Cuban affair last fall. He sent you a copy of his letter, and you asked to see my reply.

Attached is a copy of a coordinated reply prepared by the Central Intelligence Agency and the Defense Intelligence Agency. I have agreed with Congressman Vinson that the reply need not be delivered formally.

I met with Mr. Vinson and his sub-committee, including Mr. Osmer, for two hours on 21 March 1963. Although Mr. Osmer will never completely understand why there were not very frequent reconnaissance overflights over Cuba beginning in August or September, I believe he has a better appreciation of what the situation actually was and what steps were taken by the intelligence community. Mr. Osmer seemed reasonably satisfied with my briefing.

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INTERVIAE CONRSE John A. McCone
Director

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